RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO FIVE (5) BUS STOPS ALONG HARDING AVENUE, BETWEEN 85TH STREET AND 77TH STREET, BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), AS PART OF THE UPCOMING FDOT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALONG SR A1A/HARDING AVENUE/ABBOTT AVENUE, FROM NORTH OF 96TH STREET TO INDIAN CREEK DRIVE; SAID IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF A TOTAL OF THREE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BUS STOP AREAS, THEREBY IMPROVING PASSENGER SAFETY AND COMFORT AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is developing the design for a roadway improvement project along SR A1A/Harding Avenue/Abbott Avenue, from north of 96th Street to Indian Creek Drive; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of repaving and restriping roadway, upgrading pedestrian curb ramps, reconstructing damaged sidewalk, installing high-emphasis crosswalk markings at signalized intersections, among other improvements, as more particularly described in the project fact sheet attached to the City Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT project, however, does not include any improvements to the existing bus stops along Harding Avenue at 85th Street, 83rd Street, 81st Street, 79th Street, and 77th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City's Transportation and Mobility Department staff has been working closely with FDOT staff over the last several months to ensure that the project incorporates needed infrastructure improvements to these substandard bus stops along the project corridor; and

WHEREAS, the five (5) aforementioned existing bus stops along Harding Avenue currently experience heavy passenger activity during peak commuting periods; however, the bus stops are located on a narrow five-foot sidewalk and equipped with only a bus bench and a bus stop sign (i.e. no bus shelter); and

WHEREAS, in addition, there is insufficient space to accommodate a bus bay at any of the five (5) bus stops which results in buses obstructing the rightmost travel lane when boarding and alighting passengers; and

WHEREAS, at the City's request, FDOT developed multiple design alternatives for each of the five bus stops to address these deficiencies and all design alternatives were reviewed by staff from the Public Works and Transportation and Mobility Departments; and

WHEREAS, ultimately, the City and FDOT jointly selected a preferred configuration for each of the bus stops which creates curbed bus bulb-outs, having approximately 33', by widening the bus stop area/sidewalk to 10 feet as compared to the existing 5 feet, thus significantly improving ADA accessibility and pedestrian comfort, and

providing sufficient space for the installation of bus shelters; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the City staff requested that some of the bus stops be slightly relocated to improve operational safety and enable buses to serve the bus stops without obstructing the crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, the bus stop improvements proposed by the City will improve the safety, convenience, and satisfaction of transit passenger amenities along Harding Avenue and promote the use of transit in the City, thus aligning with the City's goal of becoming less car-centric; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to the bus stops will result in the loss of three (3) on-street parking spaces in total, however, the Administration recommends approving the proposed improvements, in that, the benefit of the proposed bus stop improvements will far outweigh the very limited impact to on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, in order for FDOT to meet key project milestones and proceed with the design and construction of the bus stop improvements desired by the City, FDOT is requesting that the City Commission adopt a Resolution requesting that FDOT incorporate the aforementioned proposed improvements to the bus stops along Harding Avenue, between 85th Street and 77th Street, as part of its upcoming roadway improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the Administration's recommendation to approve the proposed improvements to five (5) bus stops along Harding Avenue, between 85th Street and 77th Street, by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), as part of the upcoming FDOT roadway improvement project along SR A1A/Harding Avenue/Abbott Avenue, from north of 96th Street to Indian Creek Drive; said improvements requiring the removal of a total of three on-street parking spaces to increase the size of the bus stop areas, thereby improving passenger safety and comfort at no cost to the City.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 14th day of September 2022.

ATTEST:

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

8-31-22
City Attorney Date